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This is in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2003, for which the three month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on January 7, 2004. While Applicant believes that no extension of time for this Response is necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Appl. No. 09/998,73 Reply to Office Action of October 7, 2003

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.